

City of Milwaukie Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

July 23, 2015

Present:

Mary Weaver, Chair –Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association
Meg Elston– Island Station Neighborhood Association
Nicole Perry – Member at Large
Ben Rousseau – Lake Road Neighborhood Association
Angel Falconer – Member at Large
Chris Ortolano – Member at Large
Kit Donnelly – Member At Large
Chief Steve Bartol – Milwaukie Police Department
Battalion Chief– Clackamas Fire District #1

Apologies:

Kim Travis – Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association
Regis Niggemann – Lewelling Neighborhood Association
Ray Bryan – Vice Chair, Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association

Open Positions:

Lewelling Neighborhood Association, contact Bryan Trotter at lewellingtrotter@outlook.com
Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association, contact Dave Aschenbrenner at dlasch@comcast.net

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chair Weaver. Chair Weaver announced her intent to retire from the committee within two months or as soon as a replacement is found. May 28 meeting minutes adopted without any corrections, and the minutes were approved by unanimous consensus.

Clackamas Fire District #1: Battalion Chief mentioned the bond on the ballot in May (3-466) passed with a 78% majority of the vote.

Milwaukie Police Department: No report

Elections: Angel Falconer elected as Chair, Meg Elston elected as Vice-Chair, Chris Ortolano elected as Secretary. Candidates were all elected by a unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portland Milwaukie Light Rail (PMLR) : Meg Elston mentioned that festivities leading up to the opening of Light Rail Orange Line on Sept. 12 can be found online at <http://catchtheorange.com/>

Monroe St. Greenway: Chris Ortolano mentioned public workshop #4 for the Washington St. Alignment section of the Monroe Street Greenway on Monday July 27, 6-8pm at Gracepoint Church on Monroe at 42nd Avenue. Chris indicated that he had spoken with neighbors about their concerns and planned to attend the workshop.

Intersection Repair: Angel Falconer has submitted a petition to her neighbors and, pending approval, will paint a mural at the intersection on the street at the corner of 30thj and Sherret. All are welcome to help paint the mural on Sunday August 30 between 9am and 9pm

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- PMLR: Ray Bryan not present, no additional light rail information discussed.
- Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS): Nicole Perry outlined the process used to create the Safe Routes to School Action Plan for Linwood Elementary School.
- Monroe St. Greenway: On April 23, Chris Ortolano was directed by this committee to request traffic data collected as part of the Monroe Street Greenway Design Concept planning process. The summary memo from the traffic impact analysis that was recently conducted as part of the Monroe Street Neighborhood Greenway project is now available online through the project webpage below. The first 17 or so pages are the memo, and then there are many pages in the appendices showing the various data.

http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/monroe_street_greenway_traffic_impact_analysis_memo_final_withappendices.pdf

Transportation System Plan (TSP) Overview:

Brett Kelter, Associate Planner, City of Milwaukie provided an overview of the City of Milwaukie TSP with an emphasis on the pedestrian and bicycle elements as they relate to schools in our city. Questions included how this committee should evaluate the TSP given that priorities had already been established, and possible funding sources. Chris Ortolano asked if the City of Milwaukie were in a position to serve as the agency of record of small SRTS grants, especially if another non-profit such as Linwood PTA or Milwaukie Public Safety Foundation were not able to manage a debt-reimbursement type grant. (Note: references to grants and the Linwood PTA and MPSF added after to the fact for clarification)

Mary Weaver requested a report on the status of Walk Safely Milwaukie documents that were submitted to the City. (Note: subsequent to the this meeting Linda Hedges sent these docs to Secretary Chris Ortolano for further discussion at the next PSAC meeting)

For more information, please contact Brett Kelter at (503) 786-7657 or KelterB@milwaukieoregon.gov

DISCUSSION

On May 28, Mayor Elect Mark Gamba, now Mayor, met with PSAC to request that we consider modifying our charter to include the following:

1. A cursory review of the TSP especially with respect to the bicycle and pedestrian elements
2. A careful review of the TSP with respect to the areas around Milwaukie schools not served by school busses.
3. A process for expanding the SRTS action plan beyond Linwood Elementary to other schools within the city limits.

Mary Weaver suggested that we respond with a formal affirmation that we were willing to adopt this new direction. Others suggested that we had already consented, and that a formal response was not necessary. Further discussion focused on the need for a more formal relationship with the either Council, the Planning Dept, or both to further identify the deliverables that Mayor Gamba had proposed.

For example, if a neighbor or NDA expressed concern for additional bike/ped/auto safety treatments and it was not listed as a priority or included in the TSP, how should this committee proceed? Chief Bartol indicated he would seek clarity from the Council and report back at the next meeting.

If this committee were to independently identify a source of funding, for example a SRTS grant, would the city be in a position to allocate resources or hire a sub-contractor to apply for the grant?

The discussion concluded with an agreement that all present should compile questions of this nature to be presented to Council at a future work or study session, in order to seek clarity and further define the recommendations presented by Mayor Gamba.

ACTION ITEMS: An updated work plan from this committee is due to City Council by November 17th. Current versions of the PSAC orientation and outline 2012, PSAC Operating Manual 2012, and Work Plan for 2014-2015 have been added to the psac-docs channel in Slack.

PBAC.SLACK.COM: Chris Ortolano has invited all members to join the PSAC Slack team where further conversation of these meeting topics may continue. Discussion may include questions regarding clarification of specific agenda items, and details with regards to city projects. All conversation will be made available to the city for backup in accordance with laws relating to public meetings and communication. Conversations should not include comments that may be construed as deliberation that may be precede a committee vote. All deliberations prior to a vote must take place in the public meetings.

IN THE NEWS

Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) 2015 Grant Application Form: Hwy 224 Safe Crossing Plan. Summary: An adoption plan for an improvement project to overcome the physical barrier represented by Hwy 224 and better connect Milwaukie's neighborhoods with it's downtown, and the new light opening on Sept. 12, 2015. For details see the full application here: <http://1.usa.gov/1KsQIGe>

Note: this grant application also found in the Slack team in the milw-tgm channel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday Aug 01: Portland Century Bike Ride will pass through Milwaukie along the Riverfront Park and Trolley Trail (all day)

Sunday August 9th: Providence Bridge Pedal 6:30 am – 11:3 am and Peoples Preview of Tilikum Crossing 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Saturday August 22nd: MAX Orange Line Fireworks Spectacular 5-10pm